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1. NEPAL DOES NOT HAVE AN OIL INDUSTRY AND THEREFORE PARAS
1.A., B., AND D. OF REFTTEL ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA 1.C, NEPAL OIL CORPORATION HAS
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ON IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS IN 1972, ALL OF WHICH WERE FROM INDIA:

MOTOR GASOLINE	12,000 METRIC TONS
HIGH SPEED DIESEL	20,000 METRIC TONS
KEROSENE OIL	35,000 METRIC TONS
LIGHT DIESEL OIL	10,000 METRIC TONS
AVIATION FUEL	8,500 METRIC TONS
LUBRICANTS	1,000 METRIC TONS

3. DETAILED FIGURES ON STOCKS OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS ARE
NOT AVAILABLE. NEPAL OIL CORPORATION INFORMS US HOWEVER
THAT THERE ARE NORMALLY ABOUT 1,000 METRIC TONS OF ALL PRODUCTS
TOGETHER IN STORAGE IN NEPAL, NORMALLY CONSISTING OF ABOUT
20 PERCENT GASOLINE, 40 PERCENT KEROSENE, 30 PERCENT DIESEL OIL,
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AND 10 PERCENT OTHER PRODUCTS.

4. WHILE OFFICIAL FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, NEPAL OIL CORPORATION REPORTS THAT IMPORTS OF ABOVE PRODUCTS DURING FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1973 WOULD BE ABOUT THREE-FOURTHS OF IMPORT FIGURES FOR 1972, I.E., AT APPROXIMATELY SAME LEVEL AS PREVIOUS YEAR.

5. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO COLLECT IMPORT FIGURES FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1973 ONLY, INSTEAD OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER AS REQUESTED. FIGURES FOLLOW:

ITEM	UNIT	SEPT	OCT	NOV
MOTOR GASOLINE	METRIC TON	658.7	714.3	974.0
KEROSENE OIL	METRIC TON	1,888.9	2,628.0	2,500.0
HIGH SPEED DIESEL	METRIC TON	1,040.3	1,243.7	1,686.2
LIGHT DIESEL OIL	METRIC TON	651.1	1,101.7	447.0
AVIATION FUEL	METRIC TON	357.7	505.6	530.7
LUBRICANTS	METRIC TON	87.1	214.1	67.0

6. WHILE NEPAL OIL CORPORATION HOPES THAT NEPAL WILL RECEIVE SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN 1974 AT APPROXIMATELY SAME LEVEL AS IN 1973, STATUS OF SUPPLIES DURING 1974 IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME. DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE AND TRANSIT PROBLEMS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ASSURED GON THAT SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WOULD CONTINUE AT PAST LEVELS THROUGH MARCH, AT WHICH TIME GOI WOULD WISH TO REVIEW ITS POLICY OF SUPPLYING PETROLEUM TO NEPAL. (EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM TO NEPAL ARE SUBJECT TO FORMAL QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY GOI. SUPPLIES, HOWEVER, HAVE EXCEEDED THESE QUOTA LEVELS, BUT ARE STILL INADEQUATE TO MEET TOTAL NEPAL REQUIREMENTS.) WHILE POLICY REVIEW COULD RESULT IN ACTION TO REDUCE LEVEL OF ACTUAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS EXPORTS TO NEPAL, WE BELIEVE IT IS MORE LIKELY TO RESULT IN CONSIDERATION OF SOME CHANGE IN PRICING POLICY, PERHAPS IN DEMAND THAT GON PAY FOREIGN EXCHANGE, RATHER THAN INDIAN RUPEES, FOR SOME PORTION OF ITS PETROLEUM IMPORTS FROM INDIA.

7. ALL FIGURES CONTAINED THIS REPORT MAY BE USED FREELY.
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